(vi) Officers should have the prescribed minimum years of service/basic pay for each level at which empanelment is done.

SC and ST officers eligible as per these guidelines have been included among those nominated by this Department for Central deputations.

(b) Does not arise, in view of reply to part (a) above.

| (c) Year | Officers nominated | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | SC | ST |
| 1996 | 8 | — | 1 |
| 1997 | 8 | — | — |
| 1998 | 30 | 1 | 4 |

(d) Does not arise, in view of reply to part (a) above.

**Recovery of Outstanding Dues of Telephone Bills**

1251. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 517 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1998 and state:

(a) the efforts made so far and those proposed to recover Government dues pertaining to telephone bills from those who have not yet cleared the same;

(b) whether Government have disconnected the telephones of those persons as is done in the cases of electricity defaulters; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**Opening of Telephone Exchanges in Adivasi and Non-Adivasi areas of Maharashtra**

1252. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of demands from Adivasi and non-Adivasi Areas separately for opening of Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra district-wise;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government or proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) As on 1.4.99, 63 number of demands for Adivasi areas and 841 for non-adivasi areas for opening of Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra State exists. District-wise breakup given in the statement. (*See* below)

(b) 8 Exchanges in Adivasi and 323 exchanges in non-Adivasi areas are planned to be opened during 1999-2000. Details are given in annexure. Balance exchanges are planned for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. Based on technical considerations, telephone exchanges may not be required in all places, but telephone connections will be given from nearby telephone exchange.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Statement**

*Details of stations where Demand for provision of Telephone exist and No. of stations where opening of Telephone exchanges planned during 1999-2000*

| Sl. No. | District Name | No. of stations where demand Exist (as on 1.4.99) | | | No. of New Exchanges planned in 1999-2000 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Tribal | Non-Tribal | Total | Tribal | Non-Tribal | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | Ahmednagar | 0 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| 2. | Akola | 0 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 3. | Washim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 4. | Amrawati | 3 | 36 | 39 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 5. | Aurangabad | 0 | 61 | 61 | 0 | 16 | 16 |
| 6. | Beed | 0 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| 7. | Bhandara | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 8. | Gondia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 1 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9. Buldhana | 0 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 10. Chandrapur | 5 | 9 | 14 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 11. Dhule | 5 | 18 | 23 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 12. Nandurbar | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 13. Gadchiroli | 6 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 14. Jalgaon | 0 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 21 |
| 15. Jalna | 0 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 16. Kalyan | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 17. Kolhapur | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 18. Latur | 0 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| 19. Nagpur | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 20. Nanded | 3 | 16 | 19 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 21. Nasik | 31 | 133 | 164 | 1 | 12 | 13 |
| 22. Osmanabad | 0 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| 23. Parbhani | 0 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 24. Hingoli | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 25. Pune | 3 | 55 | 58 | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| 26. Raigad | 1 | 11 | 12 | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| 27. Ratnagiri | 0 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| 28. Sangli | 0 | 32 | 32 | 0 | 15 | 15 |
| 29. Satara | 0 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 14 | 14 |
| 30. Sindhudurg | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 12 |
| 31. Solapur | 0 | 116 | 116 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| 32. Wardha | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 33. Yeotmal | 1 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 13 | 14 |
| | 63 | 841 | 904 | 8 | 323 | 331 |